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Subject: RE: R3 Comments on the National PFAS Data Explorer

Interesting comment. We can definitely be sure that appropriate caveats are available, if they aren't already. I'm a bit concerned that there is some expectation that QAPP and test methods need approval in order for data to be presented given the Water Quality Portal is a tool designed to collect data from many different types of providers (citizens, approved labs, gov't jurisdictions, etc). That data are public already. I'm sure the WQP has suggested DQ processes and it allows the processes to be noted in the submission, but is not going to reject data that is legitimately entered in absence of an approved EPA method.

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Subject: FW: R3 Comments on the National PFAS Data Explorer

Good Afternoon All,

The message below was received from R3 in our PFASData inbox. I am forwarding it to you for your comment/response back to R3.

Thanks,

Alex

From: Hirsh, Steven <Hirsh.Steven@epa.gov>
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R3 SEMD has reviewed the PFAS data explorer and has a comment/concern for your consideration. The comment centers around the "Environmental Media" tab. EPA does not have validated analytical methods for analyzing tissue, soil and sediment, all of which are represented on this map. Additionally, EPA does not have risk numbers for soil, sediment and tissue data which makes the interpretation of this data difficult. By including this data for public use it may appear that EPA is supporting or recommending analytical methods we

have not validated; and the public may make inferences on the risk associated with the reported detections. Data collected without an approved QAPP is also presented in this tool, the public may not understand the implication of data quality issues and data usability. R3 SEMD suggests the inclusion of footnotes/caveats describing data quality and usability under the 'Environmental Media' tab.

Please contact me or Laura Mohollen if you want to discuss.

Thanks,
Steve

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